

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~The all-terrain vehicle as claimed in claim 1,~~ An all-terrain vehicle having a belt converter, comprising:

a vehicle speed detection mechanism for detecting a vehicle speed of the vehicle;

a backward movement detection mechanism for detecting a backward movement of the vehicle; and

an engine control mechanism for automatically controlling an engine speed of an engine of the vehicle, so as to make the vehicle speed lower than a predetermined vehicle speed, when the backward movement detection mechanism detects the backward movement of the vehicle and when the vehicle speed detection mechanism detects that the vehicle speed reaches the predetermined vehicle speed;

wherein the engine control mechanism controls the engine speed by limiting an ignition of the engine.

3. (Currently amended) ~~The all-terrain vehicle as claimed in claim 1,~~ An all-terrain vehicle having a belt converter, comprising:

a vehicle speed detection mechanism for detecting a vehicle speed of the vehicle;

a backward movement detection mechanism for detecting a backward movement of the vehicle; and

an engine control mechanism for automatically controlling an engine speed of an engine of the vehicle, so as to make the vehicle speed lower than a predetermined vehicle speed, when the backward movement detection mechanism detects the backward movement of the vehicle and when the vehicle speed detection mechanism detects that the vehicle speed reaches the predetermined vehicle speed;

wherein the engine control mechanism controls the engine speed by limiting a supply of fuel to the engine.

4. **(Currently amended)** ~~The all-terrain vehicle as claimed in claim 1, further comprising~~
An all-terrain vehicle having a belt converter, comprising:

a vehicle speed detection mechanism for detecting a vehicle speed of the vehicle;
a backward movement detection mechanism for detecting a backward movement
of the vehicle;

an engine control mechanism for automatically controlling an engine speed of an
engine of the vehicle, so as to make the vehicle speed lower than a predetermined vehicle speed,
when the backward movement detection mechanism detects the backward movement of the
vehicle and when the vehicle speed detection mechanism detects that the vehicle speed reaches
the predetermined vehicle speed; and

a gear transmission, wherein the backward movement detection mechanism is a mechanism for detecting that the gear transmission is shifted to a position ~~of~~ for the backward movement of the vehicle.

5. **(Original)** The all-terrain vehicle as claimed in claim 4, wherein the backward movement detection mechanism detects a backward position of a shift rod of the gear transmission.

6. **(Original)** The all-terrain vehicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein the backward movement detection mechanism has an approximate switch arranged so as to oppose an edge surface of the shift rod.

7. **(Currently amended)** ~~The all-terrain vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the all-terrain vehicle has~~ An all-terrain vehicle having a belt converter, comprising:

a vehicle speed detection mechanism for detecting a vehicle speed of the vehicle;
a backward movement detection mechanism for detecting a backward movement
of the vehicle;

an engine control mechanism for automatically controlling an engine speed of an
engine of the vehicle, so as to make the vehicle speed lower than a predetermined vehicle speed,
when the backward movement detection mechanism detects the backward movement of the
vehicle and when the vehicle speed detection mechanism detects that the vehicle speed reaches
the predetermined vehicle speed; and

a rotation member, ~~in which~~ wherein a rotational direction of the rotation member
when the all-terrain vehicle moves forwards is opposite to a rotational direction of the rotation
member when the all-terrain vehicle moves ~~backward;~~ backward;

wherein the backward movement detection mechanism is a mechanism for
detecting the rotational direction of the rotation member when the all-terrain vehicle moves
backward.

8. **(Currently amended)** ~~The all-terrain vehicle as claimed in claim 1,~~ An all-terrain
vehicle having a belt converter, comprising:

a vehicle speed detection mechanism for detecting a vehicle speed of the vehicle;
a backward movement detection mechanism for detecting a backward movement
of the vehicle; and

an engine control mechanism for automatically controlling an engine speed of an
engine of the vehicle, so as to make the vehicle speed lower than a predetermined vehicle speed,
when the backward movement detection mechanism detects the backward movement of the
vehicle and when the vehicle speed detection mechanism detects that the vehicle speed reaches
the predetermined vehicle speed;

wherein the predetermined vehicle speed, as a reference to execution of the
control of the engine speed by the engine control mechanism, is set to be one of a first speed at

which the belt converter starts an automatic shift from a state of a generally maximum reduction ratio in speed when the all-terrain vehicle accelerates backward with a throttle of the engine opening wide, and a second speed in the vicinity of the first speed.